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“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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Overcoming Immorality

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1. Realize it is not possible to please God while allowing this sin to go unchecked (Psalm 66:18; I Corinthians 6:9-11)
 2. Admit our sin, repent and pray (I John 1:9)
 3. Accept God's forgiveness (I Corinthians 6:11)
 4. Stop immorality at its source (Matthew 5:27-28; II Corinthians 10:4-5)
 5. Make a covenant with your eyes (Job 31:1)
 6. Study and pray (Psalm 119:9-11)
 7. Flee fornication (I Corinthians 6:18)
 8. Marry (I Corinthians 7:2, 9)
 9. Seek help
 10. There is victory in Christ (I Corinthians 6:11; Luke 15:24)
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The Feasts and Sacred Times of Ancient Israel

Event	Commemoration
The Sabbath (Ex. 20:8-11; 31:12-17; Lev. 23:3; Deut. 5:12-15)	Every seventh day was a solemn rest from all work.
The New Moon (Num. 28:11-15; Psalm 81:3)	The first day of each month was a day of rest, special sacrifices, and the blowing of trumpets.
Passover (Ex. 12:1-14; Lev. 23:5; Num. 9:1-14; 28:16; Deut. 16:1-7)	On the fourteenth day of the first month (Nisan), this festival commemorated God's deliverance of Israel from bondage in Egypt.
The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Ex. 12:15-20; 13:3-10; Lev. 23:6-8; Num. 28:17-25; Deut. 16:3, 4, 8)	This feast, which marked the beginning of the barley harvest, immediately followed Passover and lasted until the twenty-first day of the month.
The Feast of Firstfruits (Lev. 23:9-14; Num. 28:26)	This feast accompanied the offering of the first harvested barley to God. It was celebrated on the sixteenth day of the first month (Nisan) and on the sixth day of the third month (Sivan).
The Feast of Weeks (Harvest of Pentecost) (Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:15-21; Num. 28:26-31; Deut. 16:9-12)	This festival took place fifty days after the barley harvest and involved new grain offerings to the Lord.
The Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah) (Lev. 23:23-25; Num. 29:1-6)	The first day of the seventh month (Tishri) marked this occasion, which involved a Sabbath rest, the blowing of trumpets, and a holy convocation.
The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) (Lev. 16; 23:26-32; Num. 29:7-11)	Observed on the tenth day of the seventh month (Tishri), this was a day of fasting (on which no work was done) for the purpose of atoning for the sins of the past year.
The Feast of Tabernacles (Booths or Ingathering) (Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:33-36, 39-43; Num. 29:12-38; Deut. 16:13-15)	This eight-day celebration lasted from the fifteenth to the twenty-second day of the seventh month (Tishri).
The Feast of Dedication (Lights or Hanukkah) (John 10:22)	Celebrated in the ninth month (Chislev), this eight-day feast commemorated the cleansing and rededication of the temple after its defilement by Syria.
The Feast of Purim (Lots) (Esth. 9:18-32)	This feast was celebrated on the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the twelfth month (Adar).
The Sabbath Year (Ex. 23:10, 11; Lev. 25:1-7)	Every seventh year was designated as a "year of release" to allow the land to lie fallow.
The Year of Jubilee (Lev. 25:8-55; 27:17-24; Ezek. 46:17)	The fiftieth year, which followed seven Sabbath years, proclaimed liberty to those who were servants because of debt, and returned lands to their former owners.

NOTES & NEWS:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

"...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16